

# Community Transition Program (CTP) Statewide Housing Benefit Year End Report

## SFY2020

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# Year In Review

Stable housing is a powerful tool to improve lives and make communities safer. More than 400 people who had been incarcerated in Ohio's prisons received housing assistance during SFY20 including 185 new households. Fewer than 4% exited to state prison and the vast majority had positive outcomes. Over three years, only 7% of CTP tenants returned to prison which compares to the state's 31.4% three-year rate.

As the pandemic hit Ohio and the rest of the country, housing partners in the CTP program launched a successful housing surge – dramatically ramping up placements. Typically, 10-15 households are placed per month, but 100 households were placed in the 60-day surge which sought to reduce overcrowding in shelters and other unsafe living situations CTP members were experiencing. This was



particularly noteworthy considering many individuals placed had offense types and convictions recent enough that housing is often difficult to secure during “normal” times, but was especially difficult during a quarantine. The placements occurred in urban, rural, and suburban communities across the state.

**“My name is Kiley. I would like to say that the CTP [program] has been beneficial by giving me the chance to maintain my sobriety and also my mental health. Not only has the CTP program but also my case manager/mentor Stanley Frankart by staying on me with positive influence.”**

## CTP Housing Overview

The CTP program, funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) provides transitional recovery supports, including housing, to individuals exiting Ohio's prison system that have participated in recovery services or diagnosed with a severe mental illness while incarcerated. Housing combined with supportive services has been found to significantly reduce

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recidivism and increase participation in behavioral healthcare in more than a dozen rigorous research studies.<sup>1</sup>

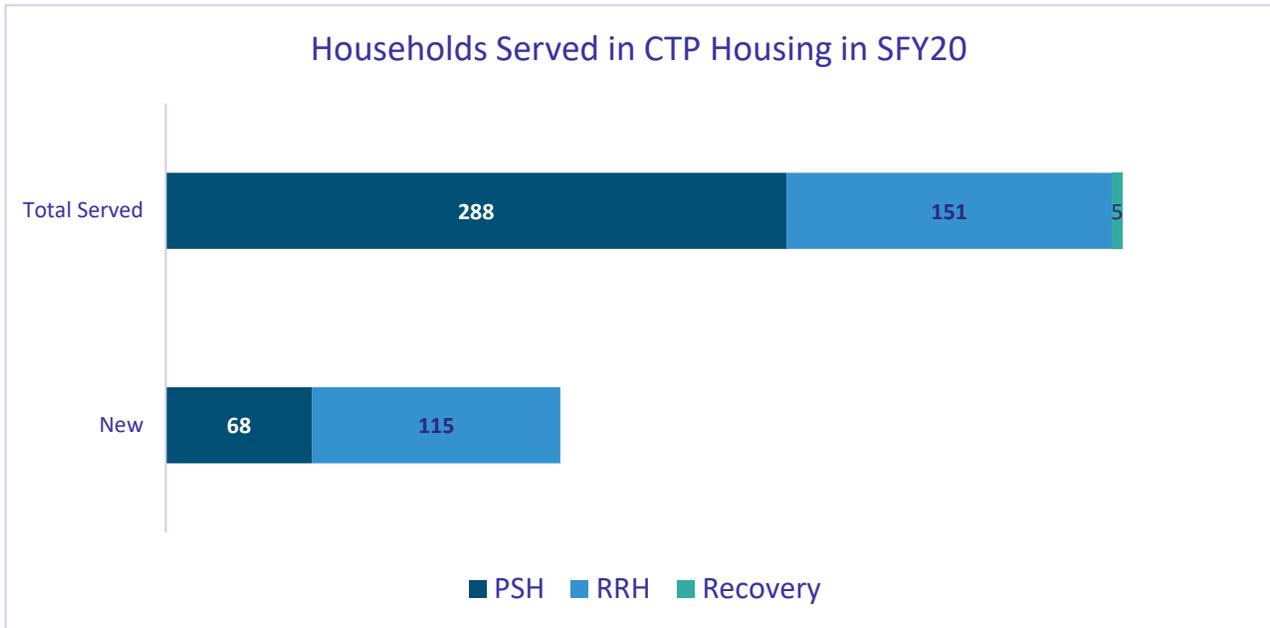
The housing component is managed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), and includes Permanent Supportive Housing for those needing more intensive supports, and Rapid Rehousing, or recovery housing if an individual requests a sober living environment. The housing benefit is available in 61 counties through nine housing broker non-profit organizations that help CTP members access housing and provide care coordination and harm reduction throughout tenancy.

The CTP Housing program has resulted in promising outcomes including:

- Low recidivism to prison;
- High rates of participation in behavioral health services;
- Reunification with children; and
- Employment.

These indicators are well-aligned with SAMHSA's long-term recovery framework – Health, Home, Purpose, and Community.

CSH receives an average of 300 referrals per month from OMHAS's community linkage staff. The need for housing among people exiting Ohio's prison is extremely high and the CTP program can only serve a small portion (roughly 10%.)



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<sup>1</sup> Sources include: Aidala 2013, Basu 2012, Culhane 2002, Flaming, 2009, etc. Contact CSH for more information or complete citations.

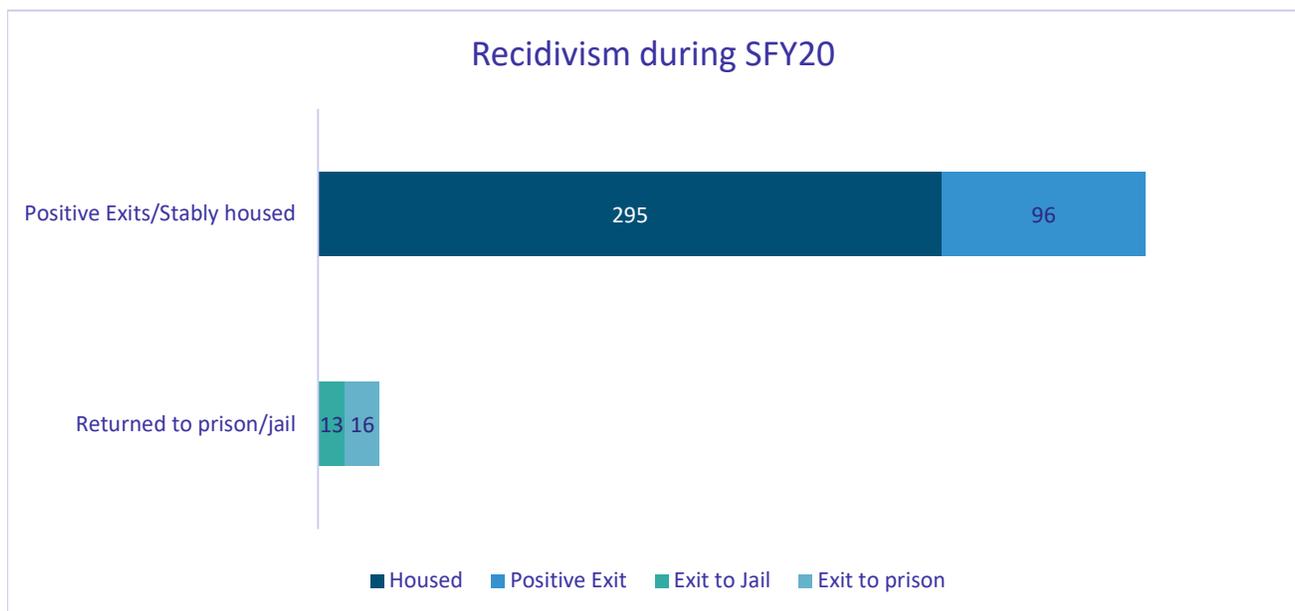
## Placements

186 households moved into CTP housing in SFY2020. 436 households were served in the CTP housing program during the year. More than half of the placements this year occurred during a housing surge in April and May, aimed at reducing shelter density and enhancing public health for those exiting Ohio's prisons. 100 individuals were housed in those 60 days.

In total, 288 PSH households were served with 68 new tenants and 151 RRH placements, with 116 new households between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. (288 PSH tenants served and 151 RRH and 5 recovery housing placements) Only 16 returned to prison.

## Recidivism

CSH measures recidivism as exits from the CTP program to prison or jail. This information is collected by case managers serving the individuals and is often corroborated by parole officers and local jail records when available. For participants served in SFY20, 16 of 438 returned to state prison, or 4%. (Since inception in 2017, the CTP recidivism rate has been 5%). Another 13 exited to jail.



In the last quarter of SFY20, CSH staff reviewed ODRC's records of CTP participants housed in 2017 (Feb. 2017-Jan. 2018) to determine whether they had returned to Ohio's prisons as of June 2020. **Of the roughly 250 participants queried, just 7% returned to prison during the three-year period. This compares to an over 31% recidivism rate per ODRC's most recent report.**<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections Recidivism Update 2018 retrieved from <https://www.drc.ohio.gov/reports/recidivism>

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## Housing Partner Spotlight: MVHO



During the housing surge in April and May, the housing brokers across the state worked long hours and demonstrated tremendous resourcefulness to locate and house as many people as possible. The brokers, their shelter, parole, and recovery services providers all worked tirelessly to find eligible individuals who were experiencing homelessness including those sleeping in cars, or staying on the streets. One partner in particular stood out for her assertiveness and creativity, Penney Kramer. Penney is the Reentry Program Director for Miami-Valley Housing Authority. When the surge first began, Penney reached out to every landlord she'd ever placed a tenant with and asked for all available units. She had 8 units reserved that afternoon. After that time, Penney and her team overcame obstacle after obstacle to find and inspect units, maintain contact with CTP members and furnish apartments. MVHO was the first housing partner to exceed their surge targets. It was an extraordinary effort during an extraordinary time.

**“I truly believe that everyone, no matter what their situation, can be successful in their life and sometimes we just need a little help getting there.” – Penney Kramer, Miami-Valley Housing Opportunities**

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## Services Outcomes

Nearly all CTP housed participants engaged in case management services (98%) and the vast majority (65%) engaged in clinical services with CTP service providers. (Note: CTP members may also engage with other recovery services organizations that did not share data with the CTP housing program during this reporting period, so the 65% figure is likely understated.)

More than half (52%) of all CTP housed participants engaged in mental health services and 44% participated in AOD counseling. A smaller number, 64 or 15%, entered inpatient treatment.

## Employment Outcomes

Nearly half (46%) of all CTP housed participants reported employment, and 21% increased their income.

## Additional information

The CTP housing program measures Housing Stability – e.g. the percentage of individuals who are able to maintain their housing unit or move on to independent housing. Those who are evicted or vacate their units and no longer engage in services would be considered unstable. The periods of time measured (3, 6 and 12 months) reflect the months after move-in date.

Currently, the program has the following rates of housing stability:

- At 3 months 96%
- At 6 months 89%
- At 12 months 85%

294 remained in housing as of 6/30/2020. 96 exited positively including 71 who moved to independent housing (69) or other subsidy (2.) This represents a 90% success rate for the program. 52 exited negatively including the 29 who exited to incarceration (7% of all participants in SFY20)

Length of stay;

For PSH participants, the average length of stay at exit was 562 days (18 months).

For RRH participants, the average length of stay at exit was 195 days (6 months)

About 30% (87) PSH tenants served in SFY20 have remained longer than 24 months.

We understand through feedback from the housing brokers that CTP members are losing jobs and income which is resulting in extensions of rental assistance or reduced tenant rent contributions. However, this is not the majority of participants and we don't yet know how extensive these issues are.

## Service participation and outcomes for households served in SFY2020

PSH	At Entry	3 months	6 months	12 months+	Total	%
AOD Counseling	109	20	5	13	147	53%
MH Services	130	20	16	12	178	64%
Treatment	24	4	7	13	48	17%
Case Management	275	2	0	0	277	99%
Obtained Employment	50	37	11	14	112	40%
Increased Income		38	14	23	75	27%

Rapid Rehousing	At Entry	3 months	6 months+	12 months	Total	%
AOD Counseling	35	6	1		42	28%
MH Services	39	6	0		45	30%
Treatment	11	2	0		13	9%
Case Management	143	3	0		146	97%
Obtained Employment	67	11	1		79	52%
Increased Income		12	4		16	11%

Recovery Housing	At Entry	3 months	6 months+	12 months	Total	%
AOD Counseling	4	0	0		4	80%
MH Services	2	0	0		2	40%
Treatment	3	0	0		3	60%
Case Management	4	0	0		4	80%
Obtained Employment	3	1	0		4	80%
Increased Income		1	0		1	20%

All Interventions	At Entry	3 months	6 months+	12 months	Total	%
AOD Counseling	148	26	6	13	193	44%
MH Services	171	26	16	12	225	52%
Treatment	38	6	7	13	64	15%
Case Management	422	5	0	0	427	98%
Obtained Employment	120	49	18	14	201	46%
Increased Income		51	18	23	92	21%

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## CTP Tenant Spotlight

"I have known about Jay for almost a year. Jay is one of the most heart-felt sincere clients I have ever had. He is also in a full blown opiate addiction cycle combined with being homeless since his release from prison, and having severe mental health struggles. Jay often talked about how he felt ostracized by society and that his life doesn't have any meaning. In mid-march Jay was approved for CTP housing and we were able to find a landlord willing to sign a lease with Jay. After Jay had walked into his new place and had finished arranging his new belongings he broke down in tears saying, "I finally have a place to rest." I continue to see Jay on a weekly basis and he repeatedly talks about how we have saved his life, and he doesn't know where he would be without this program. Jay also continues to be active in his addiction, but simultaneously is vulnerable and open about his struggle. Jay is consistently working with his mental health counselor, and also has recently joined an outpatient treatment program. I don't know how it is going to turn out for my client, but believe Jay is being given an opportunity to pursue deeper health and healing that he never would have had before." – Matt Morley, Integrated Services for Behavioral Health

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<p>EDEN, Inc 7812 Madison Avenue Cleveland, OH 44102 216-634-0182 <i>Counties Covered: Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina</i></p>	<p>Licking County Coalition for Housing 23 S. Park Place, #200 Newark, OH 43055 740-877-8781 <i>Counties Covered: Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Muskingum, Richland, Tuscarawas, Wayne</i></p>
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<p>HomeFull 33 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 100 Dayton, OH 45402 937-262-4636 <i>Counties Covered: Allen, Auglaize, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Hardin, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Shelby</i></p>	<p>New Housing Ohio 4055 Executive Park Drive, #125 Cincinnati, OH 45241 513-431-7539 <i>Counties Covered: Clinton, Erie, Fayette, Gre Hancock, Huron, Preble, Sandusky, Seneca Union, Van Wert</i></p>
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